Damage due to natural calamities in Nagaland

626. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have received any proposal from Government of Nagaland on damage of properties/agricultural crops etc. due to natural calamities during the current year; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to redress the prolems faced by victims of such affected areas in the State of Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The request of the Government of Nagaland for relief assistance in the areas affected by floods during 2004 was considered as per the procedure for release of funds from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The High Level Committee approved an assistance of Rs. 3.36 crore subject to adjustment of balances in the Calamity Relief Fund account of the State. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 1.81 crore has since been released from NCCF.

Conference of Relief Commissioners

†627. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 810 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether a conference of Relief Commissioners was held in March, 2003 in accordance to the advice given by Ministry of Home Affairs to State Governments in December, 2002 to deal with national calamities; if so, when and whether the review of the steps taken by State Governments was made therein;

(b) if so, whether Commissioners found the system satisfactory; and

(c) if not, the suggestion made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The recommendations made by this Ministry to the State Governments to deal with natural calamities were

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.